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BELOW QUOTED LETTER DATED 15 JANUARY RECENTLY RECEIVED
BY USUN FROM DOO KINGUE, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA
FOR UNDP:

"DURING THE LAST REGIONAL MEETING OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN ADDIS ABABA WE DISCUSSED WITH THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN COUNTRIES THE NEED FOR ESTABLISHING AN AGRO-METEOROLOGICAL CENTER IN THE AREA. THE MATTER WAS FURTHER DISCUSSED AT THE LAST OUAGADOUGOU MEETING.

AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, THE UNDP PROPOSED TO THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED THAT A WMO-LED PREPARATORY MISSION BE SENT TO ASSESS THE REGION'S NEEDS IN AGRO-METEOROLOGICAL DATA. THE MINISTERS OF THE PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE HAVE NOW ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL. THE MISSION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN JOINTLY BY WMO AND FAO.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO ASK IF YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION. WE BELIEVE THAT
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YOUR PARTICIPATION WOULD BE MOST USEFUL BECAUSE IT WOULD

MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO POOL OUR RESOURCES NOT ONLY IN
DETERMINING THE PARAMETERS OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED BUT ALSO
IN HELPING FINANCE SUCH ASSISTANCE FOR THE COUNTRIES
CONCERNED.

YOUR EARLY REPLY WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED."

ACTION REQUESTED: USUN WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
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